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BIO DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of schemes being implemented in the country for making bio-diesel from Ratanjot alongwith the names of the States where these Schemes are being implemented;

(b) the details of policies under which the process of bio-diesel making is being operationalized;

(c) the States where land has been allotted to farmers for cultivation of Ratanjot alongwith the area of land allotted to them; and

(d) the names of companies which have shown interest in production of bio-diesel, State-wise?

Answer

Minister of the State in the MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) As per the Bio-diesel Purchase Policy announced by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas in October, 2005, 20 Purchase Centres have been identified which are located in the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, and U.P. to cater to the respective States as well as the neighbouring States viz Orissa, Uttaranchal and Jharkhand.

(b) As per the Bio-diesel purchase policy the manufacturers of Bio-diesel interested in supplying bio-diesel to the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies should approach the State Level Co-ordinators(SLCs) pertaining to the State and after assessment of production capacity and credibility of the prospective supplier by joint evaluation/certification by the industry team, samples are tested and if these meet the prescribed BIS Specifications, the supplier is registered as an authorized suppliers of bio-diesel by OMCs.

(c) the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Land Resources) which is the Nodal Ministry for launching the demonstration phase of the National Mission on bio-diesel, has proposed to take up 5 lakh hectares of public wastelands for plantation of Jatropha/Pongamia over the period of 5 years.

(d) the names of companies which have shown interest in production of bio-diesel, State-wise is annexed.